## H. R. 5177

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**OCTOBER 5, 1994** 

Ms. Snowe (for herself and Mr. Andrews of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## A BILL

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- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-1 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO NONCUSTODIAL 4 PARENTS SUBJECT TO STATE ARREST WAR-5 RANTS IN CASES OF NONPAYMENT OF CHILD 6 SUPPORT. The Secretary of State is authorized to refuse a pass-7 port or revoke, restrict, or limit a passport in any case
- 9 in which the Secretary of State determines or is informed
- 10 by competent authority that the applicant or passport

- 1 holder is a noncustodial parent who is the subject of an
- 2 outstanding State warrant of arrest for nonpayment of
- 3 child support, where the amount in controversy is not less

4 than \$10,000.

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